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Ms. Sheila Desai
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region V
77 West Jackson Boulevard (SR-6J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Dear Ms. Desai:

Re: Monthly Progress Report - April 2013
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property Operable Unit No. 7
Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site
Allegan and Kalamazoo County

As required by Task 8, Progress Reports in the Statement of Work of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property, please find attached three copies of the Progress Report No. 78 for the period of April 1, 2013 through April 30, 2013.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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**Progress Report No. 78
April 1, 2013 to April 30, 2013**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property
Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in accordance with Task 8: Progress Reports and the Schedule for Major Deliverables contained in the Statement of Work for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit No. 4 and the Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property (Site) Operational Unit No. 7 of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree), which became effective February 22, 2005.

1. Work Performed

- Submitted draft preliminary Ecological Remedial Action Objectives (RAOs) to the U.S. EPA on April 17, 2013 for discussion during the May 6, 2013 conference call. Additional supporting information regarding the proposed Ecological RAOs was submitted on April 24 and 25, 2013.
- Submitted draft preliminary Site-specific risk-based criteria for arsenic for direct contact/ingestion/inhalation exposure to soil to the U.S. EPA on April 17, 2013 for discussion during the May 6, 2013 conference call. Additional supporting information regarding the proposed Site-specific risk-based criteria for arsenic was submitted on April 19, 26 and 29, 2013.
- Submitted memorandum presenting an evaluation of Michigan Act 451, Part 201 Groundwater-Surface Water Interface Criteria and Drinking Water Criteria exceedances at the Site to the U.S. EPA on April 19, 2013 for discussion during the May 6, 2013 conference call.
- Submitted draft Assembled Alternatives Array to the U.S. EPA on April 30, 2013 for discussion during the May 6, 2013 conference call.
- Initiated development of Feasibility Study Report.

2. Data Received

- None.

**3. Modifications to Work Plans or Other Schedules
Proposed to, or Approved by, the U.S. EPA**

- None.

4. Problems Encountered and Planned Resolution

- None.

5. Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period

- Removal of investigation-derived waste generated during the MW-16 and Additional RI Activities investigation.
- Development of draft FS Report.
- Conference call with representatives from U.S. EPA, MDEQ and Weyerhaeuser regarding the aforementioned April 2013 submittals relative to the draft FS Report (scheduled for May 6, 2013).

6. Anticipated Development with Work during the Next Period

- None.

7. Other Relevant Information

- None.